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**JUNE 18, 2009
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor Elco

INVOCATION – Reverend Delloyd A. Green, Emmaus United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, Green, Norris, Falivene, Gorman, Caterson

ABSENT: Vizthum

Also Present: Mayor Pete Elco; Terry Dolan, City Administrator; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; CFO, Jessica Thompson

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW – Lynn

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Lynn

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Falivene – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

Lynn – asked for a motion to add Resolution #132 to work agenda.

Motion made by Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

2009 ORDINANCES

09 Authorizing the City of Absecon to accept a deed for Real Property.

Lynn – explained that the old Girl Scout's Lodge is coming back to the city if we accept the deed. Back deeds have been researched.

2009 RESOLUTIONS

125 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2009 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$1,600.00 from the State of New Jersey Cops in Shops.

126 Granting 50-50 Licenses to the Charles A. Hammell American Legion Post 28.

127 Authorizing the submission of an application for Grant funding and the execution of a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2010 Safe Streets to Transit Program.

128 Authorizing the submission of an application for Grant Funding and the execution of a grant agreement with the New Jersey of Transportation under the fiscal year 2010 Municipal Aid Program. (St. Charles Ave.)

Fred – explained we are going to ask for this for 2010. Supposedly there is more money in the fund for next year from the State.

129 Authorizing the submission of an application for Grant Funding and the execution of a grant agreement with the New Jersey of Transportation under the fiscal year 2010 Municipal Aid Program. (Cynwyd Drive)

130 Re-appointing the Tax Assessor, namely Brian Conover, for the City of Absecon.

132 Authorizing an application for Open Space Funding.

Charlie – discussed at our Parks and Playgrounds meeting and we agree to do this.

Terry – we asked the engineer to look at the old swimming pool area in the Shores to make it more open space for fishing, crabbing or passive recreation. Improvements would be to the old bulkhead, the parking lot and walkways, concrete structure. Turned over to Pete.

Pete - have talked to the planning dept. and this possibility of funding came up so we are going to keep this dialogue going. We have been talking about this area for years and it's becoming a public safety issue. Hopefully it will become a reality.

Joe – talked about a possible walking path and asked if it's been a problem with loitering?

Chief Cowan – not so much that but it's more of a lack of lighting behind the gas station.

Jerry – traffic has increased more and more there and it is an area that could be utilized but it's a high dollar project. Let's just hope this evolves.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2009 ORDINANCES

09 Authorizing the City of Absecon to accept a deed for Real Property.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions #125 to #132 were rolled into the consent agenda.

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,181,531.91

Mike – advised council members there are numerous checks for election workers so please check for conflicts.

Motion to approve: – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes, abstain for poll workers; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Gorman, yes, abstain for poll workers; Caterson, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Construction - \$22,800.00

Tax Office - \$2,715,759.46

Court - \$7,664.89

Clerk's Office - \$5,775.75

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 5/7/09 and 5/21/09

Closed Session as to form and content only – 5/7/09 and 5/21/09

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

ROLL CALL: Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – has had meetings with Chief Cowan as well as Terry and thanked them for their work on behalf of the City. Has heard from the DOT and we should have our left hand turn from Haddon Ave. going east on WHP in a couple of months; they are backlogged. Talked about Hooked on Fishing this past weekend and it was a success and thanked John DeRitis for his leadership and others involved with it.

Joe Cowan – gave a brief explanation of the event that was held and John did a fantastic job.

Joe – finance meeting was not held. This year's recipient of the Citizen of the Year award is Andy Applegate. He volunteers with many organizations for years and he will be honored 6/23.

Fred – New Jersey Ave. work has started at the west end and happy to see it started.

Charlie – already discussed the Turner Ave. area tonight.

Jerry – concerts in the park will start 6/28 and look forward to a good season.

Bobbie – went to the 8th grade graduation and it was one of the nicest she's been to. Announced upcoming events in the area.

Lynn – explained a senior's project that the business high school requires. They did a great job and we should be proud.

Terry – brought up the problem with trailers and travel trailers that are in violation around town.

Lynn – committee will be looking into it and if they feel we need to change our ordinance we will bring something to council. Hopes by next meeting something will be brought up.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Falivene

All were in favor. No comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – Res. #131-2009

Mike Blee – under the litigation exception to the open public meetings act specifically ASPCA vs. City of Absecon. Those minutes can be disseminated when all appeals are exhausted or a final resolution has been reached.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

Mike – It's now 8:10 and issue discussed was that announced earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Falivene

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____